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To Whom It May Concern:

Trident Seafoods Corporation – Newport Oregon would like to express our support for the continuation of the US/Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty. We understand that the current treaty expires at the end of 2011 and is in the process of renewal negotiations.

Our company custom offloads albacore for numerous companies from both the US and Canada and also purchases albacore for our own company. This past year 29% of our custom offloads were from Canadian Vessels for Canadian buyers.

We believe that allowing the Canadian fleet to fish and offload in the US is an economic benefit to many parties. It provides revenue to the offloading station, wages for the dock workers that offload the tuna, moorage rent income for the ports, income to trucking companies to haul the tuna and income for many local businesses including cabs, grocery stores and fishing gear stores. The state and albacore commission also benefit from fish taxes and assessments for landings in the State.

We understand that the US fishing fleet may have a different perspective on this. We have heard that there is too much competition on the ocean with the added burden of the Canadian fleet and that there is not enough room in the harbor when the Canadians are blown in due to weather. In our opinion, the US fleet should consider that there may be some year when the albacore are being caught primarily in Canadian water and they may need to have the option to fish Canadian waters.

We hope that our input will help you in the negotiation process. Please let us know if you would like additional information and we wish you the best of luck in the re-negotiation of the treaty. You HAVE OUR SUPPORT!

Best Regards,
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